



Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea

March 2, 1970 - April 15, 2017

Joseph Anthony Rhea 47, affectionately known as "Patches /Lil Joe" departed this life early Saturday morning April 15, 2017.

Joseph was born March 2, 1970 in Johnson City, TN to Joe C Rhea and Evangelist Teresa A Hale Rhea. Joseph graduated Science Hill High School . Patches was a life long member of Grace Temple Church Eternal Life Center. He was proceeded in death by his Mother Evangelist Teresa Ann Hale Rhea and his Brother Phillip NeAaron Rhea.

Patches is survived by his father Joe C Rhea of Johnson City ,TN. Two Brothers, Thomas Hale, Jackson, TN., and James Rhea, Johnson City, TN., Nephew Preston Rhea Niece Olivia Hall, and his Grandmother Octavia Hollie. Special Family/Friends, Ms Claudia Grimes and family, and Phyllis, Amy,Lauren-The Estep Family . A host of Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Patches loved all his cousins and was especially fond of Anthony Cole, Zakayla Kitt, and King Kitt . He helped raise his special cousins, Talita Kitt, Nuveja and Shamonte Mims, and Jazara Brown. who affectionately called him "Uncle Patches". Patches assisted his family anyway he could and did everything with perfection.

My child take your rest till we meet again We love you.

The family will receive friends at the home of his father Joe Rhea.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00am Thursday April 20, 2017 at the Birchette Mortuary Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *My sweetheart*

Babby Barner - September 12, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ *So sorry about your loved ones passing*

Prayers are with each of you

God's blessings

Chris Carol Carter

Carol carter - April 26, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ *My cousin patch.. I will miss that smile that could light up any room and our talks.. Until we see each other again.. I love you*



Tierra Collie - April 20, 2017 at 11:13 AM



Thank you

Susie Inman - April 24, 2017 at 06:40 PM

DW

“ *Denise White lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



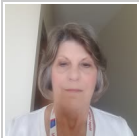
Denise White - April 19, 2017 at 08:35 PM



“ *'Sincere condolences go out to my family. RIP Pat ches. We love you. Evette*



Monique Agudio - April 19, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. Joseph was such a sweet young man. He and my daughter, Kristie were good friends in high school and came to our house frequently. You will be missed. With deepest sympathy, Linda Tipton.*

Linda Tipton - April 19, 2017 at 03:44 PM

SL

“ *Sharron "Pep" Livingson lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



Sharron "Pep" Livingson - April 19, 2017 at 02:32 PM

DG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Rhea family. May you hold his memories close to your hearts. May the Lord comfort and keep you during this difficult time. We love you Dee Gaitor and Family.*



Dee Gaitor - April 19, 2017 at 11:09 AM

TR

“ *I met Joseph several years ago when he was caring for Charlie. He truly was a very caring and thoughtful person. I usually don't become friends with my tenants, but Joseph was a friend to our family. My heart breaks for his family and for his dear friend Amy. We had many conversations about faith, and I have no doubt that we will see each other again. May God comfort your family and give you peace.*

Tamara Roberts

Tamara Roberts - April 19, 2017 at 08:50 AM

SI

Thank you for your kindness

Susie Inman - April 24, 2017 at 06:35 PM

TG

“ *Patches was such a good friend to me when I was younger. He came to stay with us one summer in North Carolina. His enthusiasm and laughter was contagious and inspiring. He never ever failed to help when we needed him or give me a shoulder to lean on or just sit and listen when life got so confusing. I truly loved my friend patches. Im sorry for you loss. My prayers are on the wind for you all. Rest easy my friend until we meet again.*

Tim gragg - April 19, 2017 at 08:23 AM

SI

Thank you

Susie Inman - April 24, 2017 at 06:36 PM

TG

“ *Tim Gragg lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



Tim gragg - April 19, 2017 at 08:10 AM

TG

It breaks my heart to see this. I tried to look you up my friend many times but could not remember your name. I only new you as patches. You were such an inspiration to me and such a good friend. I remember the way you lit up the entire room with excitement and laughter Every time you walked in.I loved to watch your enthusiasm when lip syncing and dancing to Madonna's like a prayer. You were so much fun to be around and you never failed to give me good advice or a shoulder to lean on when I didn't understand things because I was just a teenager just starting out in life but you never turned your back when I asked for help or advice. I've never forgotten you my friend. Rest easy patches.

Tim gragg - April 19, 2017 at 08:18 AM

Tina Gragg

“ *Many, many, years ago I had the pleasure of meeting Patches. Although our time was brief he made a lasting impact on me and my family. He was such a sweet and beautiful soul. My heart grieves for his family and friends as they go through these next few days, weeks, and months ahead trying to find a way to cope. Thank you Patches for that moment in time that you were such a sweet friend to me.*



Tina Gragg - April 18, 2017 at 07:38 PM

LT

“ Lauren Tanner lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



lauren tanner - April 18, 2017 at 06:51 PM

RG

“ Rissie Godsey lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



Rissie Godsey - April 18, 2017 at 06:12 PM

RG

James, I am so sorry. ❤️

Rissie Godsey - April 18, 2017 at 06:12 PM

MD

“ Melvin Drumgoole lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



Melvin Drumgoole - April 18, 2017 at 05:18 PM

AR

“ *My Fa!! Oh how we will miss you. My heart is broken but I KNOW what you would have told me and how much LOVE WE SHARED!! You were my heart and soul my brother. God will help us!! YOU ARE FREE!! NO MORE PAIN NO MORE JUDGMENT. I KNOW YOU ARE AT PEACE!! YOU MADE IT FA!! I WILL SEE YOU SOON.*

amy rupert - April 18, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ *He was a sweet and good young man .Always good to my Mother Ruby Wellen. Always had a big Heart.Love you forever God Bless your family!Love you always Bonnie Wellen Feeley Thank you for your kindness Amen*

Bonnie Feeley - April 18, 2017 at 01:15 PM

JC

“ *John Collins lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



john Collins - April 18, 2017 at 12:01 PM

DB

“ *I grew up with Patches on Georgia St. I named my so my after him. I have so many I don't even know were to start. I know I will miss him. I love you Patch See u later.*

Deborah Curtis Broyles - April 18, 2017 at 01:34 AM

CM

“ I am in shock of Joe's passing..my favorite memories of him is when we were in high school and our friend Angela, Joe and myself would leave the football games, cut thru Keystone to go see his friend Travis that lived on Cherry Hill...he was such a sweet soul! RIP sweet friend.

Carrie medley - April 17, 2017 at 09:19 PM

RP

“ He was such an amazing friend from being my friend from 6th grade on to looking out for my kids when he saw them to helping their father who was his neighbor I'll never forget you Joseph or your loving kindness to your family I am so sorry for your loss.... becca as he always called me....

Rebecca Palmer - April 17, 2017 at 07:43 PM



“ Pamela Renea lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



Pamela Renea - April 17, 2017 at 07:40 PM

SP

“ Stacie Mayo Petty lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



Stacie Mayo Petty - April 17, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ *Patch o how I'm going to miss you... My heart is so heavy. I know that you are in the arms of the Creator, first and foremost and in the company of your mother and brother. Until I see you again fly high and rest easy... Love you Sallie*



Sallie Lopez - April 17, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ *Mazie Love lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



Mazie Love - April 17, 2017 at 07:05 PM



Rip may the lord comfort the family an prayers are in the air god bless

Mazie Love - April 17, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ *Fred Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



Fred Jackie Fields - April 17, 2017 at 05:23 PM

FF

“ Fred Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



Fred Jackie Fields - April 17, 2017 at 05:22 PM

PA

“ Pate lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



Pate - April 17, 2017 at 10:59 AM

MH

“ Mariea Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



Mariea Hamilton - April 17, 2017 at 09:10 AM

SI

Thank you

Susie Inman - April 24, 2017 at 06:39 PM

JO

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your loved one, Joesph. May you find comfort in the words written at John 6:40, where God promises to bring back o life those we have lost in death by means of a resurrection. In the future He will also eliminate our enemy, death. (Isaiah 25:8) This gives us the wonderful hope of being reunited with our loved ones, forever. Until then, I hope the memories of Joseph and these promises from God comfort you in the days to come.

Jo - April 17, 2017 at 08:41 AM

JF

“ James And Brenda AKINS CHARLES And Famil lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



James And Brenda AKINS CHARLES And Famil - April 16, 2017 at 09:55 PM

GG

“ Gail Goines lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



gail goines - April 16, 2017 at 09:50 PM

DW

“ *Debra Fields Williams lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



Debra Fields Williams - April 16, 2017 at 10:52 AM

DW

*No words could possibly explain the Heart Felt PAIN I feeling at this time.....
My SINCERE PRAYERS ARE FOR MY FAMILY
I LOVE YOU JOE SO MUCH....
DEB AND AUSTIN...*

Debra Fields Williams - April 16, 2017 at 10:55 AM

Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



Mary Rollins - April 16, 2017 at 08:42 AM

SI

“ Where do i begin you called me YOUR favorite AUNTIE I called YOU MY FAVORITE NEPHEW and we meant what we said I love you as though you were my child you always kept me encouraged the phone calls will be missed now whose gonna cry over not driving the Pacifica who am I gonna talk to to be my voice of reason you were my world I don't understand its hard to accept im so hurt i promised not to leave you but you left me patch im so hurt i want you back my tears won't stop I know you are at peace take your rest i will see you again my favorite nephew
Love Always,
Your Favorite Auntie Susie



Susie inman - April 16, 2017 at 05:32 AM

LE

“ Rest easy cousin. You will be dearly missed.



Latasha Edison - April 15, 2017 at 09:21 PM

JL

“ Jackie Briscoe Leeper lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea



Jackie Briscoe Leeper - April 15, 2017 at 08:46 PM

CR

“ *Patches - so many wonderful and fun memories with you! We were just chatting about you coming out for a visit. Fly high sweet brother. I love you.*



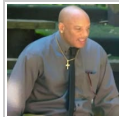
Charla Rodney - April 15, 2017 at 07:18 PM

SR

“ *Susan Rhea lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. "Patches" Rhea*



Susan Rhea - April 15, 2017 at 02:36 PM



Joeseh will be sadly missed God bless

Darryl Morrison - April 18, 2017 at 02:05 PM